

TX BIAC PRIORITIES

The Texas Brain Injury Advisory Council's discussion of priorities on August 6th will guide the development of an action plan. Below is a summary of the discussed priorities:

Raising awareness about brain injury and OABI

- Identify populations of focus
- Risk reductions/prevention/secondary prevention
- Legislators boot camp - talking points for meeting with legislators/educate state employees
- Resource facilitation - case management/family liaisons
- Resource lists

Sustaining positive outcomes over time

- Support groups
- RTL, RTP, RTW
- Co-occurring conditions: Mental Health and Criminal Justice
- Long term residential placement
- Long term care and services

ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES

Rehab/care for as long as needed

- The right amount (front loading/ongoing)
- Of the right kind (cognitive rehab, full continuum of care)
- At the right place
- For the right price (Insurance, Medicaid, etc.)

Legislative Issues

- Kids helmet laws
- Contact legislators and brain injury related organizations regarding brain injury in filed bills
- Medicaid waivers
- Funding and staffing for OABI
- Stop loss reform
- Encourage research
- Sports regulation

These priorities organically inspired the desire to develop three action committees...

The **Education and Awareness Committee**, the **Services and Supports Committee**, and the **Legislative and Policy Committee**.

A Membership Committee and Executive Committee will ensure the success of these action committees and the council as a whole by encouraging...

Effective communication,
Strong leadership,
The development of clearly defined goals,
Passion for the mission,
And strength-based approaches.